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TOWN OF STOW
GLEASONDALE LOCAL HISTORIC DISTRICT STUDY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Gleasondale Historic District Committee, December 2nd, 2021

Members Present: Dot Spaulding, Meg Costello, Jen Gero, Catherine Hammill, Eve Fischer

Planning Staff Present: Malcolm Ragan

Review updates to district boundaries

409 Gleasondale Rd not included, because not inventoried. Agreement to include.

422 and 428 Gleasondale Rd won't be in the district.

Mention of Bob McDonald's reservations about the District because of possible restrictions. His feelings are probably shared by several residents.

Restrictions would be for demolitions and additions. Regulations would be defined as following a "certificate of appropriateness" issued by the future Historic District.

What do we want from this? As Gleasondale is changing, the aim is to

- protect the character of the Village
- protect the Mill.
- Bylaws are different for different architecture.

We want to be clear in our definition and really looking only to protect the neighborhood.

If tear down we are looking to preserve the same square footage. However a certificate of hardship could be issued.

We need to reach out to the mill owner.

Meg and Eve volunteer to rewrite the outreach letter informing about the upcoming forum. On our next meeting, January 6th a draft will be approved.

Malcolm will reach out to Professor Mullin for a presentation.

Work plan for the meeting:

- a simple historic presentation.
- ask the participant about their vision of the future of Gleasondale as a village.
- a good example of preservation is Alan Manter's house on Chestnut street.
- we need to find someone neutral as a moderator.

Using our preliminary study report we need a proper statutory meeting: Dot has some information she will pass on.

Next meeting will be January 6th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Eve Fischer